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FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO BRAZIL BY AMBASSADOR RICHARSON

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1. I VERY MUCH WELCOME YOUR VISIT TO BRAZIL AND HOPE THAT YOU AND MRS. RICHARDSON WILL STAY WITH US WHILE YOU ARE IN BRASILIA. DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE RESIDENCE WE UNFORTUNATELY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE MR. JAMES AND HE WILL BE AT THE HOTEL NACIONAL.

2. IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR OFFICIAL VISITORS TO COME TO BRASILIA PRIOR TO MAKING APPEARANCES IN OTHER BRAZILIAN CITIES. I THINK THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN YOUR CASE SINCE THE GOB WOULD BE DISTURBED IF YOU APPEARED TO BE LOBBYING FOR THE USG POSITION ON LOS PRIOR TO MEETING OFFICIALLY ON THE SUBJECT.

3. I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR YOU TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA AND
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MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY UEKI ON LOS. THE LATTER'S CONCERN IS PRINCIPALLY SEABEDS. TWO OF THE BRAZILIAN LOS AUTHORITIES WHO YOU KNOW, THE FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL GUERREIRO AND MINISTER SERGIO THOMPSON FLORES, HAVE MOVED TO PARIS AS BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR AND DCM. ALTHOUGH I HAVE NOT CONSULSTED THE FOREIGN MINISTER, I AM SURE HE WILL WISH TO RECEIVE YOU.

4. IF YOU AGREE, I WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT WE SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE HEAD OF THE PRESIDENT'S CIVIL HOUSEHOLD, GENERAL GOLBERY DO COUTO E SILVA. MONDAY AFTERNOON AND TUESDAY--JULY 17 AND 18--WOULD GIVE US SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO ARRANGE THESE APPOINTMENTS. I WOULD SUGGEST YOU ARRIVE BRASILIA MORNING OF JULY 17 (THERE ARE FREQUENT FLIGHTS FROM RIO TO BRASILIA).

5. IN REGARD TO THE SAO PAULO AND RIO PORTIONS OF YOUR TRIP (I WAITED UNTIL MY MEETING WITH THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS FROM THESE POSTS ON JUNE 19 TO RESPOND TO REFTEL A IN ORDER TO DISCUSS YOUR PROGRAM), WE WOULD SUGGEST IN SAOPAULO A LUNCHEON MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 19. WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS MEETING BE THE OCCASION FOR ANY SPEECH IN SAO PAULO (MORE ON SPEECHES IN LAST PARAGRAPH). ON THURSDAY, JULY 20, WE WOULD SUGGEST CALLS AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FEDERATION OF COMMERCE AND FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES IN SAO PAULO (FIESP). SUCH CALLS ARE CUSTOMARY IN SAO PAULO AND SMALL GROUPS (UP TO 50) ARE GENERALLY INVITED. YOU WILL RECALL OUR EARLIER MESSAGES (REFS. B AND C) REGARDING THE INADVISABILITY OF APPEARING IN SAO PAULO UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE FEDERATION OF COMMERCE OR OF ITS PRESIDENT. WITH ELECTIONS AND A CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION APPROACHING, THE POLITICAL SITUATION IS NOW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FLUID AND SENSITIVE THESE TRADE AND INDUSTRY GROUPS ARE INTERESTING THEMSELVES IN THE CAMPAIGNS AND DEBATES. WE WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE YOU INVOLVED INDIRECTLY IN THIS INTERNAL ACTIVITY. WE BELIEVE THE ABOVE SCENARIO WOULD FORECLOSE RELATED ADVERSE PUBLICITY OR DOMESTIC POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS.

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6. ANOTHER EVENT WHICH CONGEN SAO PAULO ALSO STRONGLY ENDORSES IS THAT YOU SPEAK AT THE PRESTIGIOUS LAW SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO. THIS COULD BE THE OCCASION OF AN ADDRESS ON LOS OR INTERNATIONAL LAW. THIS MEETING COULD POSSIBLY BE A DINNER, OR FOLLOWED BY A DINNER, IN THE EVENT THAT WOULD MEET WITH YOUR OTHER PLANS. CONGEN SAO PAULO WILL ALSO WISH TO OFFER A SOCIAL EVENT IN YOUR AND MRS. RICHARSON'S HONOR TO WHICH PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE INVITED.

7. IF THE ABOVE IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOU WOULD PLAN TO DEPART SAO PAULO FOR RIO. CONGENS RIO AND SAO PAULO WILL ADVISE YOU DIRECTLY OF THE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR YOU, MRS. RICHARSON AND MR. JAMES. CONGEN RIO CAN ASSIST YOU IN ANY WEEKEND PLANS WHICH YOU WISH, BUT I NOTE FROM REF A, PARA 4, THAT YOU MAY WISH TO ARRANGE YOUR OWN FREE TIME.

8. CONSUL GENERAL IN RIO WOULD ALSO BE HAPPY TO
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ARRANGE A SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM IN THAT CITY AND RECOMMENDS LUNCHEON MEETING WITH A BUSINESS GROUP, SUCH AS US-BRAZIL BUSINESS COUNCIL AND A RECEPTION OR DINNER AT RESIDENCE ON MONDAY, JULY 24, TO MEET SMALL GROUP OF INTELLECTUAL BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERS. YOUR GUIDANCE REQUESTED RE RIO INTERESTS.

9. THEMATIC APPROACHES. AS NOTED ABOVE, MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT YOU SPEAK ON LOS OR INTERNATIONAL LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO. THE LUNCHEON ADDRESS BEFORE THE SAO PAULO AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COULD BE, FOR EXAMPLE, ON US POLICY TOWARDS THE DEVELOPING WORLD, TREATING LOS

AS ONE OF THE ISSUES. THE MEETINGS WITH THE FIESP AND THE FEDERATION OF COMMERCE WOULD BE GENERAL DISCUSSIONS, PRINCIPALLY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING IN RIO YOU COULD SPEAK ON BROAD ECONOMIC OR TRADE ISSUES OR PERHAPS THE NEW AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY. IN STRUCTURING YOUR SPEECHES AND DISCUSSION MEETINGS, IN VIEW OF THE UPCOMING ELECTINS HERE IN BRAZIL, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO AVOID THEMES AND FORMULATIONS WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED, PARTICULARLY BY THE PRESS, AS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION AND THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS. IF YOUR SPEECHES ARE READY BEFORE OR ON ARRIVAL IN BRASILIA ICA WILL TRANSLATE THEM FOR PRESS DISTRIBUTION ON THE OCCASION OF THE SPEECHES.

10. CONTROL OFFICERS ARE THE FOLLOWING: BRASILIA - JIM B. MARSHALL; SAO PAULO - DALE POVENMIRE; RIO DE JANEIRO - WILL SIMMONS.
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